GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2374
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2002
MAHARASHTRA-KARNATAKA BORDER DISPUTE
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;PRABHA RAU;VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has held any joint meeting of Chief Ministers of Karnataka and Maharashtra in the recent past to resolve the long pending Maharashtra-Karnataka border issue amicably;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken in the meeting;

(c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union Government to urgently resolve the border issue between the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The Government of Maharashtra had requested the Union Government to convene a meeting of Chief Ministers of Karnataka and Masharashtra to sort out the issue amicably. The view of the Government of Karnataka is that the border dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka will be settled with the implementation of the recommendations of the Mahajan Commission in-toto and that since the Mahajan Commission had also recommended for transfer of certain areas in Kerala to Karnataka, any discussions on the implementation of the Mahajan Commission Report would necessarily have to involve the Chief Minister of Kerala also. The Government of Maharashtra is however, unwilling to accept the recommendations of the Mahajan Commission. The approach of the Government of India has consistently been that this dispute can be resolved only with the willing co-operation of the State Governments.